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SUBJ: CHATTY TELLS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY LIBYA HAS APPROVED
AGREEMENT ON CONTINENTAL SHELF ADJUDICATION

REF: (A) TRIPOLI 1495 (NOTAL); (B) TUNIS 8374 (NOTAL)

1. SEMI-INDEPENDENT TUNIS DAILIES LE TEMPS AND AS-SABAH
(PUBLISHED BY SAME FIRM) REPORTED DEC 20 THAT FOREIGN MINISTER
CHATTY TOLD NATIONAL ASSEMBLY DURING BUDGET DEBATE ON DEC 19
THAT LIBYAN PEOPLES CONGRESS HAS APPROVED TUNISIAN-LIBYAN
ACCORD SIGNED LAST SUMMER FOR ADJUDICATION OF CONTINENTAL
SHELF DISPUTE. ACCORDING TO STORY, CHATTY ADDED THAT "DOCUMENTS
ARE TO BE EXCHANGED SHORTLY, AFTER WHICH TUNISIAN-LUBYAN AGREE-
MENT WILL BE SUBMITTED TO ICJ AT THE HAGUE."

2. FOR SOME REASON THIS PARAGRAPH WAS NOT REPORTED IN
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OTHER FOUR TUNIS NEWSPAPERS (2 CONTROLLED BY PSD PARTY
AND 2 BY GOT), NOY WAS ANY REFERENCE MADE TO CHATTY'S
REPORTED STATEMENT ON GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED RADIO AND
TELEVISION. OTHERWISEUJ REPORTING WAS IDENTICAL IN ALL MEDIA.

3. TUNISIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS INFORMALLY CONFIRMED TO
US, HOWEVER, THAT AGREEMENT HAS BEEN RATIFIED IN TRIPOLI.

4. CHATTY'S OTHER STATEMENTS TO NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOLLOWED STANDARD AND OFTEN HEARD LINES. AS TO LIBYA, HE SAID THAT RELATIONS ARE BASED ON "PERMANENT DIALOGUE; AND EVEN THOUGH OUT STYLES ARE DIFFERENT, OUR OBJECTIVES ARE THE SAME."

5. FOR ADDRESSEES' INFORMATION, TUNISIAN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY RATIFIED TUNISIAN-LIBYAN AGREEMENT ON NOV 15.
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